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Title: SERVER, ELECTRONIC APPARATUS, EXTERNAL APPARATUS AND  
INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM USING THEM, AND ELECTRONIC  
APPARATUS SETTING AND STATUS ACQUISITION METHOD  
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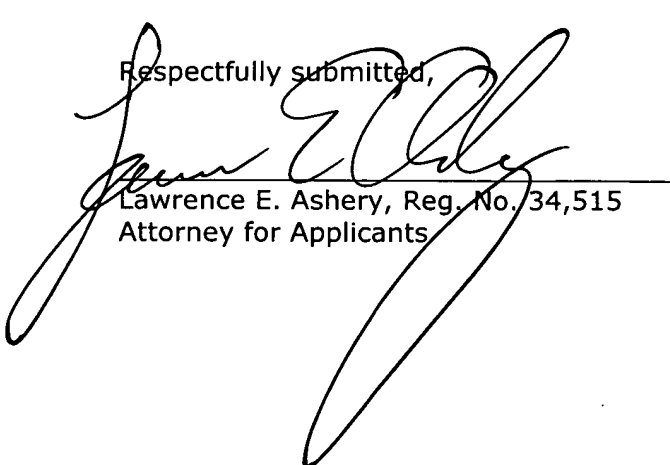
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References JP 2002-57971, JP 2002-165280, JP 2002-159074, JP 2002-171578, JP 2002-152856 and JP 2002-152857 are not in the English language, but were cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and an English language Abstract is attached thereof. A copy of this search report, indicating the degree of relevance determined by the foreign patent office is submitted herewith. MPEP Section 609A(3), second paragraph.

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